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TO BUY AND SELL SEED

Secretary Houston Asks for Appropriation of $6,000,000 With Which to Purchase Seed.

Washington, Jan. 4.—David F. Houston, Secretary of Agriculture, has asked Congress for an appropriation of $6,000,000 to enable the Department of Agriculture to buy and sell seed to farmers for cost at a reasonable price. The necessity for the appropriation is explained in the following letter which the Secretary has sent to the Secretary of the Treasury:

"I have the honor to submit herewith, for transmission to Congress for inclusion in the Urgent Deficiency bill, an estimate of an appropriation of $6,000,000 to enable the department to purchase and sell seeds to farmers in areas where unusual conditions prevail, and particularly in those which have suffered during the past season from severe drought. It is suggested that the following language will accomplish the purposes which the department has in mind:

"To enable the Secretary of Agriculture to meet the emergency caused by the need for food and feed crops by purchasing, or contracting with persons to grow, seeds suitable for the production of food or feed crops and to store, transport, and furnish such seeds to farmers for cash at a reasonable price, $6,000,000; and this fund may be used as a revolving fund until the Secretary of Agriculture determines that no such emergency exists; and the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to pay all such expenses, including rent, and to employ such persons and means, in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, and to co-operate with such state authorities, local organizations, or individuals, as he may deem necessary to accomplish such purpose.

"The seed situation has presented and continues to present, many difficulties. Under the provision of the Food Production Act, which made available $2,500,000 for the purchase and sale of seed to farmers in restricted areas for cash, at cost, it has been possible for the department to furnish some relief. Large quantities of seed of cotton, grain sorghums, and corn have been purhased for the drought stricken sections of Texas in order to assist in making available adequate supplies of seed for the next planting season. The department is taking similar action in North Dakota and Montana and has arranged to purchase considerable quantities of old corn suitable for seed for sale to farmers in Indiana where an emergency exists with reference to the supplies of viable seed corn.

It is clear, however, that the funds now at the command of the Department are wholly insufficient to enable it to meet the situation properly. If production is to be maintained or increased next year, it is essential that prompt and adequate action be taken to safeguard the seed supplies of the Nation. There is urgent and immediate need for at least $6,000,000, and it is probable that an additional sum will be required in the near future.

"Two general areas have suffered severely from drought during the past season—the Southwest, including a large part of Texas and a part of Oklahoma, and a considerable portion of the Northwest, including large sections of North Dakota and eastern Montana. These regions represent a large part of the grain-producing areas of the United States with particular reference to grain sorghums, oats, barley, flax, and corn. The seed corn situation in the northern half of the corn belt is more serious than it has been for many years. Early frosts throughout the northern part of the corn belt caught much of the corn either in the milk or in the dough stages and, although the crop was large, it contains an unusually high percentage of soft corn. The high prices prevailing also have caused farmers to sell their old corn and consequently there is a much smaller supply.

"Three northern States produce large quantities of white or navy beans, Michigan, New York, and Wisconsin. Of the total acreage, nearly three-fourths is in Michigan. An early frost not only greatly reduced the yield, but also greatly injured the viability of the beans. It is essential, therefore, that action be taken to see that an adequate supply of good seed is available for the next planting season.

"'It is the purpose of the department, if the sum suggested is made available, to take immediate steps to secure, test, and store at least a portion of the supply of the seeds that will be needed for next season. In this connection, it should be borne in mind that, under the language of the item, the seed will be sold to farmers only for cash at a reasonable price, and it is provided that the fund may be used as a revolving fund until the Secretary of Agriculture determines that the emergency contemplated by the appropriation no longer exists. In the circumstances, it is believed that it will be possible to return to the Treasury the entire amount appropriated, or at least the greater portion of it."

EARLY MORNING FIRE

Firemen Have Difficult Task in Fighting Blaze in Home on North Alfred Street.

Fire damaged the residence of Joseph B. Ewald, at 410 North Alfred street, Alexandria, this morning to the extent of about $500, and the contents to the value of about $250.

The alarm was sent in about a quarter to eight o'clock, to which Columbia Engine Company No. 4, Reliance No. 5 and Truck No. 1 responded promptly, but owing to the difficulty experienced with frozen water plugs some little time elapsed before streams could be played upon the fire. In the meantime the flames had worked their way through the sidewall of the building and were fast speeding toward the tin roof above where they spread out in various directions, making it difficult to reach them, and it required about an hour and a half of hard work on the part of the firemen to get them completely under control.

The zero temperature also gave the men much trouble as the water seemed to freeze almost as soon as it had left the nozzles of the hose. The coats and helmets of the firemen were coated with ice in a few moments which also impeded their movements, but they kept busy and prevented the flames from igniting the adjoining buildings, one of which was only about four feet distant.

The people residing in the vicinity showed their appreciation of the efforts of the fire laddies by serving them with steaming hot coffee, which the boys keenly appreciated and they have asked the Gazette to say "thank you" for them to each of the good people who extended the thoughtful courtesy.

The fire is thought to have been due to the attempt made to thaw out frozen water pipes.

An American Widow."

In "An American Widow," Ethel Barrymore at the Richmond, tonight, plays Bessie Carter, a rich, vivacious young woman who has everything in the world that she can think of—except a title. She decides to buy that, in the person of the Earl of Dettsminster. But a codicil to the will demands that her second husband be American—so young Jasper Mallory is hired to marry and divorce her at once, enabling her to marry the Earl. However, in real life great surprises sometimes happen, and they also sometimes happen in good stories.

There is no sorrow to be found in "An American Widow." It is all jollity, all interesting situations, all just an enjoyable entertainment.

At the Surprise, Louise Glaum, the wonderful emotional actress, will be seen in "Golden Rule Kate." "Hotel Disgrace," a Keystone comedy, will also be shown.

Pin is Cut From Throat.

Hagerstown, Md., Jan. 4.—The life of a child of Harvey Albin, of Leitersburg, was saved here by Dr. P. N. Fleming, who removed a safety pin from the child's throat after hurried operation.

The child swallowed the pin, which was open, at its home. The point of the pin stuck in the child's throat, and it resisted all attempts to remove it, rendering an operation imperative. The child is recovering.

Marriage Notice.

Married, at Alexandria, Va., Dec. 13, 1917, by Rev. O. P. Lloyd, Mr. Harry B. Gray and Miss Eva V. Harmon, all of Alexandria, Va.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

There was no meeting of the City School Board last night, a quorum failing to appear. A meeting will be held next Thursday night.

Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett will entertain the members of the Cameron Club on Monday evening next at her home on Duke street.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Eva V. Harmon and Mr. Harry B. Gray, both of this city. The ceremony occurred on Dec. 13, 1917, Rev. O. P. Lloyd, pastor of the Second Baptist church officiating.

The Refreshment Corps of the Alexandria Red Cross has received a letter from the Alexandria boys at Camp McClellan, Anniston, Alabama, thanking them for the Christmas presents sent them from this city, all.

The funeral of the late Harry C. Leef, who died suddenly at Danville, Va., yesterday morning, was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home of his mother. 1305 King street. The Rev. Dr. John Lee Allison officiated and the interment was in Bethel cemetery.

The members of the Home Service Committee of the Alexandria Chapter of the Red Cross will be at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce every Wednesday afternoon between three and four-thirty to render any assistance that may be desired to the families of the soldiers and sailors who are in the service from this city and vicinity. This committee will not only look after the welfare of any families who may require assistance, but will give information regarding the insurance and allotment bill recently passed by Congress which effects every man in the service. The chairman of the committee is Mr. Robert L. Payne and the executive secretary, Miss Mary L. Whitall, either of whom can be communicated with at any time.

Captain Louis M. Evans of the Signal Corps has gone to Philadelphia for a few days.

Mount Vernon Council, Daughters of America, will install officers at the meeting to be held this evening at 7:45.

The mercury registered one degree below zero at 10 o'clock last night, also at 8 o'clock this morning, at 218 South Royal street, the residence of Mr. J. T. Preston.

Among those named as honorary pallbearers at the funeral of the late Judge Keith, which will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal church in Richmond tomorrow noon, is Mr. John M. Johnson of this city.

The steamer from Norfolk did not come up the river yesterday or today and the steamer from Washington did not go down the river last night to Norfolk. When the boats will resume their trips is not stated.

Private George L. Minnigh, of the First Field Artillery, United States Marines, stationed at Quantico, Va., has returned there after spending a ten-day furlough in this city at the home of his mother, Mrs. Thomas J. O'Reilly, 501 Queen street.

The members of Potomac Lodge of Odd Fellows are anticipating an interesting session at their rooms this evening. Included in the program will be the installation of officers by the district deputy who will come over from Falls Church.

Judge Louis C. Barley, chairman of the local legal advisory board, has appointed the following named gentlemen to assist registrants in answering their questionnaires for tomorrow: H. Noel Garner, R. B. Washington, A. B. Nicol, E. J. Fleming and V. Ward Boswell. Those who are assisting today are: Gardner L. Boothe, J. H. Trimyer, Robert L. Payne, H. G. Graham and G. Washington Lewis.

Suit for divorce has been entered in the Circuit Court of this city by Irene Davis against Henry E. Davis, on the grounds of desertion. R. B. Washington is the attorney for the plaintiff.

Ex-Senator R. C. Burknart, of Martinsburg, West Virginia, returned to his home today after spending a week in this city as the guest of his daughter, Mrs. R. F. Sowers, 226 North St. Asaph street.

Harold W. Davis, of this city, recently assigned to Camp Joseph E. Johnston, Jacksonville, Fla., as a civilian clerk, Quartermaster Corps, has enlisted in that branch of the service and promoted to grade of sergeant. Sergeant Davis is attached to Service Company No. 1 at the above named camp.

A letter received from John Minnigh, one of the soldiers who went from this place and is now stationed at Camp McClellan, Anniston, Alabama, says that the boys are being treated find there and that they are getting along all right with everything excepting the weather. He says that the new underwear issued to the boys last month is much appreciated just at present.

The Alexandria Hay and Grain Company, Inc., has awarded to J. D. Knight a contract to build warehouse on the grounds at Colross, recently purchased in this city on Oronoco street. The building will be 150x150 feet in size and will cost about $30,000. It is said that it will be the largest warehouse in this section of the state. The plans were drawn by Leon Clark of Alexandria. The work is to begin on Monday next. The above company is composed of W. S. Hoge and brother of Washington who have been engaged in the milling and feed business in that city for many years. It is stated that they will make Alexandria the headquarters for their entire business.

FINED FIVE DOLLARS EACH.

Captain of a Schooner Says Colored Woman Stole His Pocketbook Containing Over $100.

There was but one case before the Police Court this morning. Earl Hopkins, captain of a schooner icebound at the shipyard, had had two colored women arrested on suspicion of stealing his pocketbook containing over one hundred dollars last Wednesday night. According to the complainant, Edna Lloyd and Daisy Dudley had come aboard his vessel, and after their departure he discovered his loss. He notified the police and they searched the house in which the suspects live on the four-hundred block on North Royal street, but were unable to find the money. The two women, however, were locked up and brought before the Police Court this morning.

Hopkins charged the Lloyd woman with the theft, but she denied the allegation, and as the captain could produce nothing beyond suspicion, the charge was not sustained. It was shown, however, that Hopkins and another white man named H. F. Dashiell, were guilty of disorderly conduct, as were also the two women. The captain having paid dearly for his offense, was dismissed, but Dashiell and the women were fined $5 each.

FOUR VICTIMS OF COLD.

One Falls on Way Home and Three Freeze to Death After Gas Asphyxiation.

Pennsgrove, N. J., Jan. 4.—Four powder workers have been frozen to death in the last few days, and Coroner Ashcroft has been busying trying to locate their relatives and friends. The victims were Edward Cavanaugh, about 40 years old, found a week ago Wednesday; Harry Lynch, discovered last night; Frank C. Thomas and James Campbell, discovered today. The last named three had been overcome by gas, and, apparently too benumbed by the cold to help themselves, had slowly perished.

Serum Saves Life.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Successful tests have been made here of a pneumonia serum, discovered by Dr. J. S. Rosenow, health commissioner, Dr. John D. Robertson announces.

HAS REACHED CRISIS.

Secretary of War Baker Says it is a War in Which all Should Take Part.

This is the message of Secretary of War Baker to the people of the United States, expressed to field agents of Chautauquas, who asked the Secretary in what way thety could help in winning the war:

"First, I'd like to have you tell the people that their country has risen to the emergency; that it is meeting its responsibility; that it is realizing its opportunity; that the whole country, every part of it, is knit together in a community of spirit and a community of effort which is bringing the great power of our unexhausted and perhaps inexhaustible resources to bear for success.

"Second, that this isn't one man's war, or a group of men's war, or an army's war, but it is a war of ALL the people of the United States, and

"Third, that the dignity of this task is so great that every man's effort in it is an honor to him, and by an appreciation of his participation in it each man sets himself not only for better contribution now, but for a larger usefulness in the subsequent reconstructive work which is to come after the war is over."

PRESIDENT SUBMITS PLAN.

Guarantee of Proper Returns to Carriers During War Is Asked.

President Wilson today laid before Congress, assembled in joint session, his recommendations for carrying out government operation of railroads.

To guarantee proper returns to the roads during the period of government operation, the President recommended that Congress provide compensation at the rate of the same net operating income as the roads have received for the three preceding fiscal years.

To provide for proper maintenance of the roads and their return to owners in the same order as the government takes them over, the President recommended legisation to authorize their upkeep and betterment during the period of federal operation.

Norfolk Oysters, Hampton Bars and Potomac River oysters. J. Brill No. 2 King street.

ORDERED TO PILLAGE.

France Has Positive Proof Germans Are Told to Steal.

With the French Armies in the Field, Jan. 4.—France has official and irrefutable information that the German armies have stolen by orders of their government. Goods of all kinds from France and Belgium have been shipped to the German "office of war booty" in Berlin. Here the people are urged to come and choose anything from vehicles, agricultural and factory machinery, antique furniture, pictures, rare tapestries, plates and dishes, jewelry, clocks and other articles—at fixed prices.

One government advertisement reads: "French trench helmets have been reserved by the minister of war for sale to the profit of the national endowment for families of those fallen at the front. It is a bargain to acquire a rare and durable souvenir of the great world conflict and at the same time contribute to soften the lot of families of our brave heroes fallen in the war." The price of a steel helmet is fixed at twenty-five marks. "To each buyer will be given a certificate of origin and acquisition for each trophy." Another advertisement offers "exceptional bargains in household goods of French and Belgian manufacture."

COAL BURNING.

Fire Rages in 350 Tons in Heap Despite Firemen.

Slowly being eaten away by apparently unquenchable flames 350 tons of soft coal in the blaze of the National Cathedral School for Girls in Washington today constitutes a perplexing problem for the school authorities, a menace to the big power plant near which the bins stand, and a worry for firemen.

Three times during the last week Engine Company No. 20 has made runs to the bins and poured water on the coal burning at the bottom of the heap.

An even dozen fires are on the record of Chief Wagner today.

Card of Thanks.

I wish to express my thanks to the fire department for their heroic efforts in saving my property 408 north Alfred street at this mornings fire.

Mrs. J. M. Evans.

MERCURY DOWN TO ZERO

Frost King Kept His Mantle Over This City and Neighborhood Again Last Night.

The weather forecaster again sustained his reputation last night. He predicted yesterday that the mercury in the thermometer would be hovering around the zero mark before morning, and he was correct. At an early hour it was at that point, and two hours later it had only reached 3 degrees above. The night was intensely cold, keeping most of the population within doors.

Frozen hydrants have occasioned great inconvenience in every section of the city, and in some cases waterpacks have exploded after fires have been started in stoves.

The ice in the river has been growing heavier during the prevalence of the present frigid wave, bringing navigation to a virtual standstill.

The cold wave arrived one week ago tonight, since which time the weather has grown colder daily. Snow again looms on the weather horizon and another flaky visitation is promised tomorrow.

Residents of river counties of Maryland and Virginia desiring to cross a creek with a loaded wagon do not trouble to use a bridge, but drive over on the ice at any point.

For the first time in many years Norfolk harbor is covered with ice thick enough to require the services of two tugboats to move a lighter about the harbor. Ice covers the bay from Cape Henry to the mouth of the Potomac. From Ragged point to this city the Norfolk steamer runs in a track with thick ice close along each side of her.

In a dock at Alexandria ice was cut nine inches thick, and fifteen feet off the Cameron street wharf it was found to be eight inches in thickness.

An addition to the fleet of steamers in government service on the Potomac is the steel hull screw steamer Boothbay, which arrived at Washington a few days ago for service between the capital city and Indian Head.

The Boothbay is a handsome craft 126 feet long, 33 feet beam and 19 feet deep. She was built at Wilmington, Del., in 1907, and was brought to Washington from Boston.

The steamer was employed on a summer route on the Maine coast until taken over by the naval authorities. Escorted through the thick ice by one of the naval tugs, the Boothbay is making trips between the navy yard and the government station at Indian Head, Md.

Relief is promised today from the abnormal cold wave which has gripped this locality and the Atlantic seaboard for the last seven days.

"Not quite so cold today, with slowly rising temperature tomorrow," is the glad news emanating from the Weather Bureau this morning.

Partly cloudy and not quite so cold tonight, lowest temperature about 8 degrees; Saturday increasing cloudiness, with slowly rising temperature," is the official forecast for today.

MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION

Numerous Persons See Bright Flash in Skies, but Fail to Find Any Wreck.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 4.—An explosion about 6 o'clock Wednesday morning had not been located three hours later, although the police and newspaper men telephoned in every direction in an effort to clear up the mystery.

No definite explanation has been given of the explosion unless it was a meteor passing through the clouds and dropping somewhere south of the city. This theory, however, has not been verified. Numerous persons saw a bright light in the skies, and this was followed by a loud explosion.

The explosion was heard at various points within a radius of twenty-five to thirty miles of Chattanooga, but no one could offer any explanation.

Notice Royal Arch Chapter.

The stated communication of Mt. Vernon Royal Arch Chapter No. 14 will be held on Friday evening, Jan. 4, 1918, at 7:30 o'clock. Come and enjoy the evening.

2-3t. A. G. Uhler, Secretary.

KAISER MAY BACK DOWN

Central Powers Notify Bolsheviki They Will Reconsider Their Action.

London, Jan. 4.—The central powers have notified Russia of their willingness to reconsider their original peace terms and negotiations may be resumed at Brest-Litovsk, according to information received from Copenhagen today.

The next session of the Brest-Litovsk parley has provisionally been set for tomorrow.

The Bolsheviki government at Petrograd is reported to have sent an ultimatum to the Austro-German envoys, declaring that all returns will be decisively broken off and the armistice will be terminated unless the Austro-German soldiers are withdrawn from Poland, Courland, and adjacent Russian territory.

The Bolsheviki's appeal to the peoples of the central empires to compel the governments to make peace on the basis of no annexations nor indemnities was sent out from Petrograd by wireless.

It was undoubtedly picked up by the German wireless station at Nauen, but whether or not the German censor allowed it to be made public was unknown here.

The Kaiser and Emperor Charles of Austria are said to be greatly perturbed over the trend the negotiations have taken. Both were evidently of the opinion that the Russians were so hungry for peace that they would jump at any bait.

There are indications also that dissensions have occurred among the German peace envoys. Dr. Von Kuehlmann, the foreign minister is reported to have stood out for moderation while General von Hoffman, representing the junkers, demanded the retention of German soldiers on Russian soil for annexation purposes.

The report that the allies may recognize the Bolsheviki goverment if it breaks off relations with Germany and renews hostilities against the central powers, was strengthened today by an article by the well-informed parliamentary correspondent of the Chronicle.

COAL CARS IN CONGESTION.

Tieup on Roads Serious in Some Sections, Say Reports to Director General.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Serious congestion on certain railroads while others adjoining or connecting are about normal was reported today to Director General McAdoo by Interstate Commerce Commissioner McChord, in charge of the commission's inspectors.

"The worst conditions reported so far," said the report, "are on the New Haven, the Pennsylvania lines west at Pittsburgh, on the Connellsville and Cumberland divisions of the Baltimore and Ohio and on the Western Maryland and the Cumberland Valley railroads. On the New Haven the principal difficulty appears to be the shortage of power due to a large number of engines in the shop, and shortage of both men and material to make repairs.

"The congestion at Conway yard at Pittsburgh is due to shortage of power and inefficient help. The congestion on the Western Maryland and the Cumberland Valley and in a measure on the Connellsville and Cumberland divisions of the Baltimore and Ohio is due to embargoes."

The Baltimore and Ohio at one point was reported to have 7,000 cars of coal, although 1,000 is a normal number.

STOVE FUMES KILL TWO.

Found Dying by Mother Who Had Left Them for Short Time.

Philadelphia, Jan. 4.—Left alone in a room with an oil stove while their mother went shopping, three small children were overcome by fumes from the stove, and two of them died Wednesday night in Mt. Sinai Hospital.

Mrs. Anna Bittick left the children in the second floor front room and went downstairs to purchase some groceries in a store which occupied the first floor of the building. She was gone only a few minutes, but on her return she found the children unconscious. They were hurried to the hospital, and Anna was revived, but the two younger children lived only a short time after being admitted to the hospital.

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FRIGID WAVE AND FIRES.

The prevailing arctic weather has been accompanied by an epidemic of fire sthroughout the country. This, however, is generally the case, as it is necessary to fire up often, which increases the danger of accidents. Chimneys are often set ablaze by thoughtlessness upon the part of many persons who place too many combustibles in stove grates and fireplaces, which sets sparks flying in every direction.

While numerous fires, some causing great loss and inconvenience in places have occurred, Alexandria has, so far, been spared from any serious conflagration. But our people cannot be too careful at this time, when the fire hydrants are frozen and keen northwest winds are blowing.

As has often been recalled in the Gazette, in January 1828, the most disastrous fire in the history of Alexandria occurred. It was during a blizzard when a strong northwest wind was blowing, that a fire, slight in its origin, was discovered in the alley on the west side of Royal street, near King. It soon assumed alarming proportions, and was not checked until it had reached the Potomac river. The flames cut a swath through several blocks, destroying the Gazette office (then on Fairfax street near King).

Last year, it will be remembered, a fire started in a row of frame houses in the northern section of the city while the mercury was near zero. Another occurred on north Alfred street early this morning under similar meteorological conditions. On both occasions our Alexandria firemen worked heroically, opening the frozen plugs with steam and fighting the destroying element while water was freezing upon their clothing.

It behooves all to be extremely careful during the prevalence of the present Polar wave, as time is necessarily lost in opening fire hydrants, and after this has been accomplished water often freezes in the hose, so that but feeble streams can be used on conflagrations. Should a high wind be prevailing during a fire, especially where most of the houses in the neighborhood are of wood, there is no telling what loss and distress might result.

DISCOMFORTS OF TRAVEL.

An Alexandrian yesterday contributed an article to a Washington paper in which he described alleged uncomfortable conditions passengers experience in traveling between this city and Washington on the electric cars. The complaint was mostly in reference to early morning trains which, for some reason, were tied up for a time early yesterday. The officials of the road may be able to show that the congestion was through no fault of their own, although the author of the communication alleges trains passed certain corners without stopping, causing many passengers to reach their places of employment in Washington late.

It was also alleged that trains late in the afternoon are overcrowded, and that passengers were compelled to stand on the platform and face zero weather while making the trips between the two cities.

Another cause of complaint is the fact that the cars are not as well heated, as heretofore, which adds to the general discomfort. It is said that the shortage of coal is the cause of this omission.

A group of shivering commuters on the Washington and Old Dominion railway line solved the problem of keeping warm in a cold car today. Amid howls of frozen misery and the stamping of feet some chilled soul had a bright, ruddy, warm idea. He drew a newspaper from his pocket, crumpled it up on the floor and lighted it.

A bright blaze was soon going merrily in the center of the car. The passengers crowded around and added more newspapers to the pile. But the supply of newspapers gave out all too soon, and, relapsing into cold, cheerless misery, the commuters shivered on.

Many years ago there was chronic complaint of the discomforts attending a trip to or from Washington on electric trains, but the company soon made certain changes, procured better cars and for a long time no grumblings have been heard. We prefer to believe the company is ready to do anything reasonable in order to render their patrons comfortable, and that, too, as soon as possible. It is unfortunate, however, that heat should have been "cut out" at this trying season.

MEMORABLE WINTERS.

One of our Washington cotemporaries in commenting upon the present frigid conditions recalls the long-to-be-remembered winter of 1856-1857. The paper says during that winter a train of cars consigned to the old Orange and Alexandria Railroad made the run from Washington to Alexandria upon the ice.

Our contemporary is wrong in saying that a train of cars made the run, as but two cars came from the capital city to Alexandria on the ice. And it must not be supposed that they came upon wheels, nor that a locomotive pulled them to this city.

At that time there was no rail communication between Alexandria and Washington, and two passenger cars, about as heavy as motor cars of the electric railway, had reached Washington from a northern city consigned to the Orange road, and instead of bringing them here on huge scows, as was generally done, it was determined to make the trip upon the ice. The cars were placed upon wooden runners and several horses were used in pulling them to Alexandria. The ice in the river at that time said to have been about eighteen inches thick, and as the cars neared this city hundreds of persons, mostly boys, proceeded to the channel of the river and followed the cars to the foot of Gibbon street, where they were subsequently placed upon a track which had been laid some time before.

The winter of 1856-1857 was the longest and coldest on record in Alexandria. For a long time vehicles ran from one side of the river to the other, and Marylanders who in that day made Alexandria their market place utilized the ice in order to get here.

GERMAN EFFICIENCY.

Die Freie Zeitung, of Berne, November 21, contained the following illuminating paragraph:

"Before us lies the November issue of Nord und Sud, the monthly published by Ludwig Stein. We look through it, and on page 180 we find the following notice printed in black type and indicated by three hands: 'Pages 181-188 are absent from the foreign edition of this number.' But the censor, through carelessness, has merely cut out the eight pages mentioned without touching the table of contents, so that we find upon pages 181-8 there is an article entitled 'Multiplication of the People and Policy of Population after the War' by Dr. George Jahn, at present in Brussels."

The substance of the above was published in the Gazette a few days ago.

There has reached London a pamphlet called "The Secondary Marriage as the Only Means for the Powerful Army, and the Purification of Morality, by Earl Hermann Torges, and published by Oscar Muller, of Cologne. It is worthy of attention because The Aargauer (Switzerland) Volksblatt says that several million copies of the pamphlet have been gratuitously distributed among German soldiers and women, and it has been in circulation for six months without protest by a single German newspaper. It can, therefore, hardly be other than official propaganda.

Herr Torges says that "the military strength of a people depends in part on the number of men able to bear arms." The war losses must be made good, and the decline of the birth rate must be combatted in the interests of a future army. Explaining that "good morals are only what the upper classes of society approve," he says that the facts give Germany "the justification in case of necessity to put the stamp of morality upon what today seems immoral."

It is far from being a new proposition to employ the methods of the stock farm in order to provide Germany with a powerful army in the near future, so that the people chosen by God to rule the world may have the means of repeating the present assault on Christianity, civilization, morality, honor and humanity.

An Incident of The War.

They had returned to the trenches. An English officer was missing. Someone had seen him fall. Learning of the spot, his brother, also a member of the company, begged the privilege to attempt to find and bring him in. The permission was granted. The brother crept out into No Man's Land as best he could. He found him lying at the bottom of a shell hole. He managed to lift him out, and finally bore him back within the lines. But when he laid him down the life had fled. "Are you not sorry now," said the commanding officer, "that you ventured all this?" "No," was the reply, "because when I looked down into the shell hole he looked up into my face and smiled, and said, 'I knew you would come,'" Shall not all our sons and brothers in France know that by every means in our power we too will come to meet their needs?

Through the splendid work of the Y. M. C. A., pushed right up to the trenches, each of us can know the deep reward that lies in that short sentence: "I knew you would come."

Who Pays the Income Tax?

For the fiscal year just ended the eleven southern states paid less than $7,000,000 income taxes. Ohio paid more than $8,000,000 and Illinois almost $12,000,000. These two therefore, turned in about three times as much in income taxes as the entire south, although they had less than half the population of the latter. Pennsylvania contributed nearly $18,000,000 and New York almost $82,000,000. Out of the total of $180,108.340 paid in taxes on individual incomes, six states contributed $134,000,000. The total corporation tax was $179,372,888, with the distribution by states quite similar to that of the income tax receipts, New York being far in the lead with a total of more than $46,000,000. About the only conclusion that can be reached is that the great industries are located mainly in the northern states. These give employment to millions from all parts of the country—Leslie's Keekly.

AGREEMENT REACHED

Tentative Understanding by Which Railroad Men Will Receive More Pay.

Leaders of the four big railroad brotherhoods today held a conference with Director General McAdoo, at which the question of increased wages for all classes of railroad labor was fully discussed. A tentative agreement was reached to grant all railroad workers increased wages on a sliding scale. The low-paid men are to receive the highest percentage of increase while the higher paid men, such as engineers and conductors, will receive a lesser percentage. Director McAdoo was especially anxious that the unorganized railroad workers who are now paid the lowest wages, receive increased pay.

What is probably more important, the labor leaders put themselves in the hands of Director McAdoo and practically agreed to abide by his decisions.

MANIAC SLAYS PHYSICIAN.

Cuts Doctor's Throat With Broken Bottle and Attempts Suicide.

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 4.—Dr. Charles Rauschkolb, 56 years old, was found murdered in his office early yesterday. Henry Lions, 30 insane, was arrested in the physician's office immediately after sounds of fighting were heard and confessed, a police statement says, that he killed the physician because Dr. Rauschkolb had been treating him and "had him under his influence."

The victim had been choked and beaten over the head with a chair and two large glass bottles, parts of which were then used to cut the physician's throat and abdomen. When Lions was taken in custody he was cutting his wrist with a piece of glass.

WILL THE KAISER RULE AMERICA?

HIS ATTEMPT TO BREAK DIVINE PROPHECY.

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More than two thousand years ago the prophet Daniel, Prime Minister of the Medo Persian Empire, said that the ten kingdoms of Western Rome should never be united. That Kaiser Wilhelm has challenged the Word of God, will be the live wire theme of Professor Chas. Patterson, at the Elks' Hall Auditorium next Sunday night, January 6. Mr. J. A. Chesnutt will have charge of the music. Seats will be free.

GIRL BURNS TO DEATH.

Unable to Cry Aloud as She Lies in Bed, an Invalid.

Pleasantville, Pa., Jan. 4.—Speechless because of throat troubles, and unable to call for help, Agnes McDonald, aged 22 years, was burned to death when fire destroyed the McDonald residence here Wednesday morning. The girl's mother, Mrs. John McDonald, a widow, was out, and it is believed that sparks from wood used as fuel in the girl's bedroom set fire to the carpet.

The girl was ill in bed, and neighbors who discovered the fire did not know she was in the house, and hearing no cries, did not investigate. When her mother returned she made frantic efforts to enter the house, but was prevented by firemen.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

Irene Davis, Complainant, vs. Henry E. Davis, defendant. In Chancery.

Upon application in writing of complainant stating specifically the last known post-office address or place of abode of the defendant, and it appearing to the Court that process has been issued and returned by the Sergeant of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, showing the defendant not being found within the jurisdiction of this Court, the Clerk thereof on this 3rd day of January, 1918, doth grant the following order of publication.

The object of this suit is to obtain a divorce a vinculo matrimonii for the complainant, Irene Davis, from the defendant, Henry E. Davis, on the ground of wilful desertion and abandonment for more than three years; that the complainant, Irene Davis, may be allowed to resume her maiden name of Irene Johnson, and for such other, further and general relief as the case may require or to equity may seem meet. and an affidavit having been filed that the defendant, Henry E. Davis, is a non-resident of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that he do appear within fifteen days after due publication of said order of publication and do what is necessary to protect his interests in this suit.

And it is further ordered that a copy of said order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, on or before the next succeeding rule day after this order is entered; and that a copy of said order of publication shall be sent by registered mail by the Clerk of this Court addressed to the said non-resident defendant, Henry E. Davis, at No. 208 Gibbon Street, Alexandria, Virginia, his last known post-office address or place of abode.

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To make this order effective, and to relieve the dealer of the responsibility and difficulty of ascertaining the supply any consumer has on hand, it is arranged that an affidavit be furnished by the purchasers of coal in excess of one-half ton (this affidavit can be made by any member of the family over sixteen years of age.) These forms for making the affidavits will be in the hands of the dealers, and notaries and the affidavits will be taken without charge, by any one of the following notaries public, who have offered their services to aid the Commission in this work:

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NEWS OF THE OLD DOMINION

WILL USE MOTION PICTURES.

Uncle Sam to Promote Interest in Agricultural Pursuits Through Films Shown in the Theaters.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 4.—Motion pictures have become a great factor in promoting agricultural interests in the United States, according to information which has just been received by the Virginia Council of Defense.

Official motion pictures bringing home the vital importance of increased food production will be shown by the United States Department of Agriculture in hundreds of regular motion picture theaters throughout the United States. The first film will show activities in the national forests, which are important sources of timber and water supply and also afford grazing for a large number of cattle and sheep.

The second release, which will follow in about two weeks, will show what children through the pig clubs are doing to increase the supply of pork. Other selections from the department's 40,000 feet of official subjects will make clear various features of food production, the raising of meat animals and horses, and will deal with home activities such as poultry raising and the canning and drying of perishable products.

The department laboratories are at work on a number of other popular films specially designed to make clear to city as well as rural population problems of food production and to show them ways in which they can operate effectively to feed the Nation and the allies.

MARTIAL LAW BAN LIFTED.

Two Suspects Held Following Fire in Norfolk, Others Released.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 4.—Martial law has been lifted from Norfolk and all but two of the suspects held in connection with the fire on New Years day released.

The two still held are Johannes Emmer and his son, Otto, who are unable to show naturalization papers or permits allowing them the privilege of residing in the area of Norfolk barred to aliens. Emmer is a family connection of N. Wintermantel proprietor of a delicatessen store, who, with his wife, was held for a time as a suspect.

A son of Wintermantel, who was a student at the Naval Academy, married a daughter of Emmer, who cannot speek English. The young man's diploma was found in a book of German memoirs, bearing the portrait of the Kaiser. Emmer arrived in Norfolk only a few days ago.

DESPONDENT MAN A SUICIDE.

Uses Pistol Because of a Recent Nervous Breakdown.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 4.—Depressed in spirits because of a nervous breakdown which he suffered a month or so ago, Thomas J. Martin, Jr., 31 years old, clerk in the claims department of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway for the last 12 years, and a brother of Sister Louise Agnes, of St. Joseph's Convent, Philadelphia, committed suicide in his home early Wednesday by shooting himself through the head with a pistol.

Still clutching the weapon and lying on his bedroom floor, he was found a few moments later by other members of the household. He was clad only in his slippers and pajamas

SNOW DELAYS TRAFFIC.

Norfolk Harbor Tied up by Snow and Ice, and Schools are Closed.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 4.—For the first time in several years, water traffic was delayed, although not entirely suspended, in the harbor during the week owing to the snowstorm and ice. Schedules on all ferry lines were interrupted. Incoming river and bay line steamers were delayed in arrivals.

The public schools of Norfolk, Portsmouth and Suffolk have been forced to continue the Christmas holiday season until Monday, January 7, owing to the severe cold weather and the inadequate coal supply.

DEATH FROM EXPOSURE.

Woman's Death in Richmond Directly Attributable to Cold Spell.

Dead from exposure and weakness Lucy White, a fifty-two-year-old colored woman was found dead in bed at her home, 15 Hague Street, by Rena Williams, at 8 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. It was believed by Coroner Broadnax that she had been dead several days. This was the first death reported during the cold spell which has caused so much discomfort to the poor of Richmond during the past few weeks.

THE CHAMBERLAIN MURDER.

Doctor Will Try to Show Robber Killed Brother.

Goochland, Va., Jan. 4.—Believing that it has satisfactorily established the guilt of Dr. Asa W. Chamberlain, charged with the murder on October 22 of his brother, Judge Albert P. Chamberlain, and that a motive has been shown, the Commonwealth is expected to rest at noon today.

Dr. Chamberlain will attempt to shift the burden of guilt an another Attorney Conway R. Sands, of Richmond, has appeared to assist James C. Page in conducting the defense

By some of the same witnesses used by the Commonwealth, the defense expects to prove that it was a matter of common knowledge in the community that ill feeling existed between the two Chamberlain brothers

It was also known to a number of persons in the neighborhood of Elk Hill, where the Chamberlains resided that the doctor had raised $1,200 with which to pay off his indebtedness to his brother.

The defense will seek to prove the Judge Chamberlain was murdered by some one who sought to rob him; that the body was then removed to the doctor's farm, where suspicion would be shifted to the brother.

The last person to see the judge alive, with the exception of the murderer, was Alexander Knov, a negro deaf-mute.

Trousers for Women?

Will women wear trousers? That grim question has long been hotly debated. Since the war trousers have become realities to those women who are doing men's work in order that they may be released for fighting. In Paris, however, trousers for women have more than a strictly utiliarian use.

The Paris correspondent of Harper's Bazar writes, in the January issue "More and more trousers are being worn indoors instead of robes that cling and cling and cling. Fashioned of the richest of tissues are these trouser-frocks—trousers of gorgeous metallic stuffs below jackets of soft velvets, trousers of velvet below coats rich with embroideries, and exquisite little filmy mousselines. In the salons of Marthe Gauthier in the rue des Capucines, there is a creation of nutty-colored velvet embroidered most decoratively with rose and blue thread—the square Chinese coat falling ungirdled over embroidered velvet trousers of the straight variety."

Meatless Mincemeat.

Meatless mincemeat, another culinary triumph in the art of food conservation, has been introduced to the housewives of the country by the national emergency garden commission as a worthy companion of pumpkinless pumpkin pie and gingerless gingerbeard. The new mincemeat, officially described as a "camouflage," was tried on 500 troops on a transport, who pronounced it perfect and called for more.

Half a package of seeded raisins, half a pound of prunes stewed with lemon juice and peel, one-quarter cup sweet cider, four tablespoons brown sugar; shop the raisins and prunes together and the result is said to be a meatless mince pie which will accord wit hthe Food Administrations meatless Tuesday.

WOULD OUST SHERIFF.

Commonwealth's Attorney of Prince William Brings Proceedings.

Attorney General Pollard has been informed by Thomas H. Lion, attorney ofr the county of Prince William, that he has begun proceedings for the ousting of Sheriff Charles A. Barbee for having accepted a pass over the Southern railroad several months ago. This is the first attorney to begin such action in this county, the attorney general having instituted such proceedings against Sheriff Woolf, of Fauquier, in the Circuit Court of that county for his removal from office. Mr. Lion says that the case against Sheriff Barbee has been set for the February term of the court.

GERMAN BRUTALITY.

Captain of Submarine Refuses Aid to Crew of Steamer Which Had Been Sunk.

New York, Jan. 4.—Dr. Bertrand Martin Tipple, head of Methodist Missions in Italy, has reached New York, arriving on the same ship with Capt. Tucker, of the torpedoed freighter Orleans, and the crew of the torpedoed, burned and sunk steamship, Isaac Watts.

According to Dr. Tipple, Capt Tucker's story was that when the torpedo struck the Orleans, such a volume of water, debris and one whole lifeboat soared into the air that the captain thought it advisable to step under the bridge until it all came down. He waited a bit but nothing fell. Then he stepped out to see where all the stuff had gone; just then it came down.

Inside a minute the Orleans was way down by the head. The engineer had left the engines running and Tucker and the wireless boy went below to shut them off as they were fast driving the ship under.

The two jumped overboard and were picked up by one of their own boats which had previously encountered the submarine and its commander. "Where's your captain," asked the German. "Guess he's gone down," was the reply. "So much the better for him, it will save him a lot of trouble."

The officer in the lifeboat asked for help in rescuing their men swimming in the water. "Can't help you. This is war. They've no business to be over here," said the German and sailed away.

The Isaac Watts survived the onslaught of a torpedo, but succumbed to a cigarette. The tanker, when hit, about fifty miles outside of Genoa, leaked oil heavily, but managed to make Genoa, convoyed by destroyers and hydroairplanes.

Safe in port, but spreading oil all over the harbor, the ship was approached by an Italian boatman in a skiff. Despite signaled warnings, the man lit a cigarette and the water and the Watts instantly took fire. The crew escaped but the ship burned and sank.

MRS. JOHNSON'S DEATH.

Dentist's Hearing in Secret Bride Case on January 11.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 4.—Dr. Lemuel J. Johnson, young Middlesex, N. C., dentist in jail here accused of the murder by poisoning of his secret bride of three months, will be arraigned in police court here for a preliminary hearing on January 11, it was decided today, following a conference between Commonwealth Attorney George Wise, and Detectives Wiley and Smith, who are working up the evidence.

This means that the Commonwealth will be given more time in which to gather evidence against the young dentist, and opportunity will be given to bring a number of witnesses here from his North Carolina home.

The preliminary hearing scheduled for yesterday could not be held because of the absence from the city of Dr. J. M. Whitfield, coroner of Richmond, who is in Goochland as a witness in the trial of Dr. Asa W. Chamberlain.

Coroner Whitfield made the analysis of the contents of the dead bride's stomach, and found that she had died of cyanide of potassium poisoning.

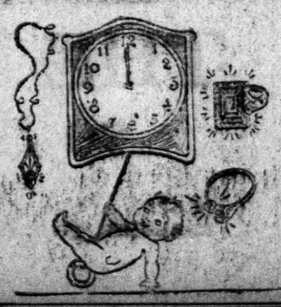
AGED SERVANT ROASTS.

Is Burned to a Crisp as She Runs in Breeze, Adams.

Chester, Pa., Jan. 4.—While adjusting a gas heater in the home of J. A. Bailey, East Eighteenth St., where she is employed as a domestic, Rachel Devoe, colored, ignited her clothing in the flame, which quickly enveloped her body and killed her Wednesday afternoon.

Screaming, she ran out of the house, and the breeze fanned the blaze until she became a veritable torch. Mrs. Bailey attempted to aid the woman and tried to throw her upon the snow; but she fought off her would-be rescuers, whose efforts were seconded by Roy Howard, a young man attracted by the cries.

Mrs. Bailey and Howard were badly burned in their efforts to save the servant, whose body was literally burned to a crisp.



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NEWS OF THE DAY

Lives of scores of skaters on the Tidal Basin in Washington were imperiled late yesterday afternoon when fire totally destroyed Wells' boat house at Seventeenth street northwest. Intense heat from the flames, which started in the first floor of the frame building, soon weakened the ice of the vicinity, but police from the Third precinct succeeded in roping off this section before any damage was done. A quantity of bathing suits and other sundry accessories to the boat house were destroyed.

President Wilson's declaration for a single House Appropriating Committee—a start toward a national budget system, is defeated. Such determined opposition arose among members that Chairman Sherley, of the Appropriations Committee, the leader of the President's plan, admitted yesterday he had dropped the fight.

An explosion and fire wrecked a part of the $3,000,000 garbage reduction plant of the Metropolitan By-Products Company, Staten Island, yesterday. Many threats had been made to destroy the plant, against the establishment of which residents of Staten Island fought bitterly. An attempt to burn it was frustrated in July, 1916, by armed guards.

Over one-quarter of the first $1,000,000 of the Palestine restoration fund had been subscribed in the first three days, it was announced last night by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, chairman of the provisional executive committee for general Zionist affairs in New York. The first contribution was for $25,000 and was anonymous, Jacob H. Schiff also gave $25,000.

The International Hotel, the largest and one of the oldest in Niagara Falls, is an ice-encrusted ruin of four thin walls. It was destroyed by fire which broke out shortly before noon yesterday. The loss is estimated to be more than $700,000.

China already has 125,000 men behind the firing lines in Mesopotamia and France, Dr. Wellington Koo, Chinese Ambassador to this country, said in an address in New York yesterday before the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York. When the Chinese commissioners now in the United States return to their own country their advice to their government, Dr. Koo said, undoubtedly would result in increased military activity. China intends doing her utmost in this struggle against autocracy," the Ambassador declared.

Philip E. Muth, 52 years old, of 3429 Holmead place northwest, Washington, committed suicide yesterday morning by hanging himself in the basement of his home. Mr. Muth, who was a lifelong resident of Washington, was secretary-treasurer of the George F. Muth Company, 418 Seventh street, dealers in artists' and painters' supplies.

Subscriptions to Hungary's seventh war loan totaled about 3,000,000,000 kronen, whereas the government expected 8,000,000,000 kronen. Most of the subscriptions were forced on the leading banks, the message adds. only an insignificant share being taken by the populace.

The Norwegian foreign office reports that the Norwegian steamer Vigrid was torpedoed and sunk while in her way from Bari to Rouen Five men on the Vigrid were killed.

Senator Martin, of Virginia, chairman of the Senate appropriations committee, yesterday expressed the opinion that the civil service employes will be given a raise.

KILLED HIS DAUGHTER.

Dual Tragedy in Harrison, N. J., Last Night.

New York, Jan. 4.—A "Twentieth Century Girl" is dead at her home in Harrison, N. J., and her "old-fashioned" father is dying in St. Michael's Hospital as the result of a dispute between them last night at the dinner table.

According to Charles Gennele, his sister Fannie, 20 years old, always resented the restraint imposed upon her by her father, Emil Gennele. Mr. Gennele retired from business with a comfortable fortune several years ago, and has been living at 109 South Fourth street, Harrison.

It was the father's ambition to give his only daughter a college education, but she refused to obey him, and, after much family argument, was permitted to go to work in a Newark department store through the influence of her father. Often for a week at a time, it was said last night, she failed to come home, giving as an excuse for her absence that she was staying with friends. Recently she had been at home regularly, but her father had a suspicion that she was not at her work and went to the store to investigate.

He learned that she hadn't been at work for several days, having reported that the illness of her mother detained her at home. Last night the rest of the family were at dinner when she entered. Apparently in the best of humor, the father inquired where she had been all day. Calmly and without hesitation the girl answered that she had been at the store.

Mr. Gennele rose from his chair and directed her to precede him into another room.

Mrs. Gennele and Charles remained at the table, thinking that Fannie was merely in for a severe scolding. They heard her father repeat the question with which he had greeted her when she entered the house. They heard her reply as before. Again the father asked the question, but this time the reply, if any, was silenced by a shot. There was a pause, then four shots in quick succession.

Mother and son rushed into the room to find father and daughter lying on the floor. The girl was dead, having been killed instantly

Her father soon lapsed into unconsciousness, but not until he had said "It will be better for you ma."

TEUTON DOVE A VULTURE.

Swallowing of Borderlands Avowed as Aim in Boomerang Terms.

London, Jan. 4.—The Teuton "camouflaged" peace clause, which by its phraseology pledges the central powers against annexation, but in spirit aims at swallowing five Russian borderlands, came back to Berlin and Vienna, as boomerang.

Affixed to it was the verdict of the Russian people passed by a solemn executive session of the all-powerful, all representative council of workmens and soldiers delegates. It reads:

"This will never be accepted by the Russian revolution."

Along with the boomerang came a message from Foreign Minister Trotzky, addressed to the German and Austrian peoples. It called the Teuton terms "hypocritical and sounded this appeal:

"An immediate Democratic peace rests with you. You compelled your governments to accept the principle of no annexations or indemnities. Now compel them to keep their word."

And from the Russian army, still 3,000,000 strong, came war-like assurances to the Soviet.

"We will defend the revolution, but we demand bread and boots."

Every utterance from Lenine and Trotzky and their lieutenants, every statement by the Russian plenipotentiaries who are back from Brest-Litovsk, sounds but one and the same keynote:

Russia is striving for a real, general, Democratic peace, and will not let herself be duped.

At last accounts from Berlin, Dr. von Kuehlmann, the German Foreign Minister, was ready to return to Brest-Litovsk.

The annexation clause boomerang hit home. The minority Socialists, led by Hugo Haase, are emphatic, it is said, in their denunciation of the insincerity of the Teuton peace conditions. The majority Socialists, under the leadership of Philip Scheidemann, likewise were reported to oppose it with vigor.

AN EGG FAMINE NEXT.

Cold Storage Stock Disappearing Rapidly With no Relief in Sight.

New York, Jan. 4.—An egg famine threatens the United States, according to a statement issued by W. F. Priebe, head of the poultry and egg division of the Federal Food Administration. He declared that from September 1 to January 1 85 per cent of the supply of cold storage eggs was consumed, and the other 15 per cent will soon be gone. There is no relief in sight, he asserted, for the supply cannot meet the demand.

"The people in the cities," said Mr. Priebe, "should do like the country folk. When eggs are scare the country folk only serve them once a week and then on Sunday morning.

"The cold weather, of course, has added to the difficulty," he added. In California and Oregon, however, the weather conditions have been favorable and these two states are able to send us eggs, but the supply will not meet the demand."

Between 150 and 200 carloads of fresh eggs or about 60,000 to 80,000 cases, are now in transit from the states west of the Rocky mountains, Mr. Priebe said.

IMPATIENT FOR WAR.

People of Argentina Are With Allies, Says Paper.

Buenos Aires, Jan. 4.—One of the strongest arguments by the pro-war section of the Argentine press is the disdainful criticism of this republic's stand by the press in neighboring countries. Characteristic of this attitude, is the following editorial printed in El Mercurio, of Santiago de Chile, which has greatly stirred public opinion here.

"No clairvoyant can decipher the enigma of Argentina's international politics. Argentina's press, parliament and people are for the allies. British capital constitutes the principal nerve of commercial activity. German torpedoes have sunk their ships. German diplomats treat them as niggers. France has given them their culture, and Italian blood is the basis of their civilization.

"The Argentine government, if it is not Germanophile, is so close to it that it is impossible to define the separating line. Before universal opinion, any neutral Latin country that joins the fantastic congress idea of President Irroygen is with the central powers."

FLEE FROM FLAMES.

Hundreds Driven Into Bitter Cold By Chinatown New York Fire.

New York, Jan. 4.—The misery incident to the frigid weather was further augmented last night by two large fires that called practically all the fire fighting apparatus in lower New York.

While the firemen were battling in zero weather with flames that did $30,000 damage to a large mercantile house at 444 Broadway, four alarms were turned in, for a fire that started in a five-story building at 142 Mulberry street, practically the gateway to New York's Chinatown, and Little Italy, one of the most densely populated districts in the city.

One hundred families in adjacent buildings were driven from their homes into the bitter cold. Many scantily dressed suffered intensely and scores had to be taken into nearby drug stores and saloons for treatment and safety for the night.

First Hymns Written in 1868.

Her first hymns were written in 1868, at the suggestion of her pastor, Dr. Robert Lowry, who set several of them to music.

Not long before her death Mrs. Hawks thus described the writing of her most famous hymn:

"I remember well the morning, many years ago, when, in the midst of the daily cares of my home, I was so filled with a sense of nearness to the Master that, wondering how one could live without Him either in joy or pain, these words, 'I Need Thee Every Hour,' were flashed into my mind. Seatng myself by the open window in the balmy air of the bright June day, I caught my pencil, and the words were soon committed to paper, almost as they are being sung now.

"It was only by accident, as it would seem, that they were set to music a few months later and sung for the first time at a Sunday school convention held in one of the large western cities. From there they were taken further west and sung by thousands of voices before the echo came back to me."

FRUSTRATE EXPLOSION PLOT.

Dynamite Caps, Batteries and Copper Wire Found Near Acid Cans in Syracuse Yards.

Syracuse, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Mysterious finds of dynamite in and near Syracuse, culminating with the announcement of a plot to blow up cars containing picric and carbolic acid used in manufacturing of high explosives, resulted Wednesday night in a man hunt by the police and secret service men. A full explosion outfit, consisting of dynamite caps, batteries and copper wires, was found beside ten cars of acid. If an explosion had occurred it would have badly damaged the Solvay plant, making ammunition.

DEATH OF MRS. HAWKS.

Writer of Famous Hymn "I Need Thee Every Hour," Passes Away.

Bennington, Vt., Jan. 4.—Mrs. Annie Sherwood Hawks, author of many famous gospel hymns, including "I Need Thee Every Hour," died at her home yesterday at the age of eighty-three.

With the death of the celebrated Fanny Crosby some time ago, Mrs. Hawks was left as perhaps the last of the noted writers of the gospel hymns of the past half century.

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SPECIAL NOTICES

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Independent Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Fairfax county, Va., will be held at the Company's office, Royal and Prince Streets, in Alexandria, Va., Monday, January 14, 1918, at ten o'clock a. m.

Walter Roberts, President.
308td.

Notice.

The annual meeting of the Members of the German Co-operative Building Association No. 5 all Series, will be held at their office, 612 King street, Thursday, January 10, 1918, at 7:30 p. m.

Justus Schneider, Secretary.
3-td.

Notice Annual Meeting.
December 3, 1917.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Alexandria, Va., will be held at the Banking House on Tuesday, January 8, 1918, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the election of directors and transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

GEO. E. WARFIELD, Cashier.
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Notice Annual Meeting.

The Alexandria National Bank.
Alexandria, Va., Dec. 8, 1917.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of this bank, for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it, will be held at the Banking House of said Bank, on Tuesday, January 8, 1918, at 12 o'clock, noon.

The polls will be open from 12 M to 1 p. m.

J. L. PERRY, Cashier.
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Notice Annual Meeting.

The Citizens National Rank,
Alexandria, Va.,
Dec. 8th, 1917

The annual meeting of the shareholders of this bank, for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it, will be held at the Banking House, on Tuesday, January 8th, 1918, at 12 o'clock noon.

The polls will be open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.

Richard M. Green, Cashier.
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Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Columbia Granite & Dredging Corporation will be held at Rooms 1 & 2, Alexandria National Bank Building, Alexandria, Virginia, on Thursday, January 17, 1918, at 12 o'clock noon, for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

A. G. Bonnet, Secretary.
310-td.

Washington Southern Ry.
Schedule in effect July 2. 1917.

For Washington and points north daily 8:08, 8:23, 8:33, 10.38, 10:45 a. m. 12:01, 1:28, 2:30, (through train for New York, via P. R. R.) 5:14, 5.53, 8:23, 11:33 p. m.

Saturdays only, 4:45 p. m., and Sundays only 8:08 p. m

For Fredericksburg, Richmond and points south at 4:37, 7:52 (local) and 9:47, a. m. 12:16, 3:22, 3:32, 5:17 (local) 7:02, 9:47 p. m. daily.

Accommodation for Quantico at 11:18 a. m. daily and 2:05 p. m. Saturdays. Night train leaves 11:30 p. m. daily for stations Lorton to Fredericksburg inclusive.

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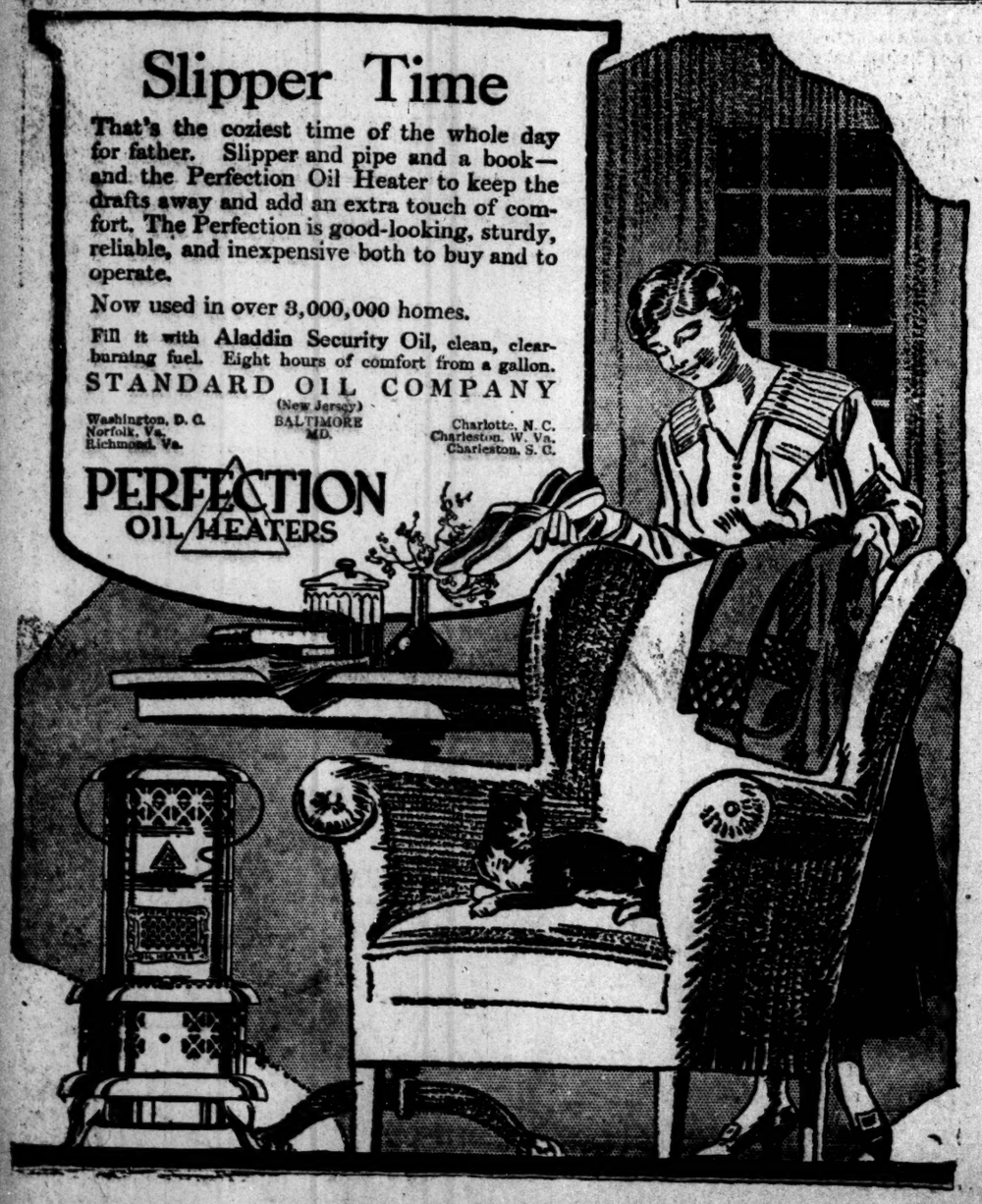
P. M.----12 20, 12 40, 1 00, 1 20, 1 40, 2 00, 2 20, 2 40, 3 00, 3 20, 3 40, 4 00, 4 20, 4 40, 5 00, 5 20, 5 40, 6 00, 6 40, 7 00, 7 20, 7 35, 8 00, 8 30, 9 00, 9 30, 10 00, 10 30, 11 10, 11 55

Sunday and Holidays, same as above except trains at 5 00, 5 40, 6 00, 6 20, 6 40, 7 10, 7 30, 7 50, and 8 10 A. M and 11 55 P. M.

Leave Alexandria For Mt. Vernon.

A M.---Week Days---5 35, 6 55, 7 55, 8 55, 10 30, 11 30,—P. M.—12 30, 1 30, 2 30, 3 30, 4 30, 5 35, 6 40, 7 35, 8 37, 10 20, 11 50.

Sunday as above except 8 34 and 9 55 A. M and 11 50 P. M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